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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
GRASSBERGER ET AL.

Art Unit: 1646
Examiner: Choi, Frank I

APPLICATION NO: 10/550,355

FILED: NOVEMBER 3, 2005

FOR: COMBINATION OF A MACROLIDE T-CELL IMMUNOMODULATOR
AND A CALCIFEROL FOR THE TREATMENT OF SKIN DISEASES
OR OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of October 12, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 12, 2007. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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